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SUBJECT: RICHARDSON CASE

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1. RE REFTEL, PARA 5, POLOFF AND CONSOFF DO NOT RECALL THAT HERNANDEZ SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT HIS COMPANIONS WERE IN COSTA RICA WITH HIM. SIMILARLY, WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT ANY OF HERNANDEZ' COMPANIONS HAVE REQUESTED EITHER POLITICAL ASYLUM HERE, OR TOLD STORY TO COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES OR MEDIA ABOUT RICHARDSON CASE.

2. HERNANDEZ TURNED UP AT CONSULATE MARCH 29. HE SAYS HE RETURNED TO COSTA RICA AFTER ESCAPING FROM A GUARD JAIL IN PANAMA. HE CLAIMS HE WAS ILL-TREATED BY THE PANAMANIAN GUARD, WHO ACCUSED HIM, HE SAID, OF BEING A "US SPY". HE PLANS TO TRY TO GET A JOB IN COSTA RICA. IN RESPONSE TO CONSOFF'S QUESTION, HE SAID THAT NONE OF HIS FORMER COMPANIONS ARE IN COSTA RICA.

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